



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANICE K. BREWER
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 6, 2010

The Honorable Ken Bennett
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington Street, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1179 (NOW: counties; payments; reimbursements; grant revenues)

Dear Secretary Bennett:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1179. This bill was amended to modify the payment rate for approved medical claims paid by counties with more than one million persons and exempts counties with more than two million persons from reimbursing the Department of Health Services (DHS) for the cost of commitment and treatment of sexually violent persons in Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11.

Currently all counties are required to reimburse the Arizona State Hospital for 25% of the cost of care relating to sexually violent persons in the Hospital's Care. This bill would exempt Maricopa County from reimbursing the State for these services, even though nearly 60% of sexually violent persons at the Arizona State Hospital originate from that county. All other counties would be required to continue to reimburse at the current level.

The exemption of Maricopa County would reduce funding necessary to treat sexually violent persons at the Arizona State Hospital by over \$1.7 million dollars annually. As a result the Sexually Violent Person Unit's Budget would be cut by approximately 17% but the level of services required by Maricopa and other counties would not change. The lack of sufficient funding for the sexually violent persons unit could potentially lead to a major public safety risk.

For this and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1179.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.
Janice K. Brewer
Governor

JKB/nb

cc: The Honorable Robert Burns
The Honorable Kirk Adams
The Honorable John McComish

State of Arizona
Senate
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SENATE BILL 1179

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 8-245, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 31, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 4, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 31-165; AMENDING SECTION 36-717, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING LAWS 2010, SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 10, SECTION 22; RELATING TO COUNTY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Passed the House April 13, 20 10,

by the following vote: 51 Ayes,

5 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 1, 20 10,

by the following vote: 25 Ayes,

4 Nays, 0 Not Voting

1 VACANT
[Signature]
President of the Senate

[Signature]
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 28, 20 10

by the following vote: 22 Ayes,

8 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Robert L. Quinn
President of the Senate

Channing Billington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

29 day of April, 20 10

at 9:40 o'clock A. M.

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Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Secretary of State